

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No.11 (A) (3)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

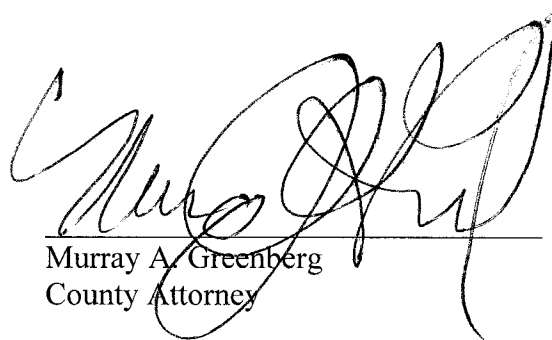
**DATE:** May 22, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the U.S.  
Congress and/or the Federal  
Government quickly to  
impose a temporary reduction  
in Federal Motor Fuel Taxes  
for a period of three months

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of  
Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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05-22-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND/OR THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT QUICKLY TO IMPOSE A  
TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN FEDERAL MOTOR FUEL  
TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. average self-serve regular price of gasoline increased another 19.47 cents in the past two weeks, to a new record high price of \$3.07, according to a recent Lundberg Survey of approximately 7,000 U.S. gas stations; and

**WHEREAS**, this gasoline price surpasses the August 11, 2006 record by 4.28 cents; and

**WHEREAS**, this price is only six cents shy of the all-time inflation-adjusted record price in March, 1981 when the price of regular gasoline was \$1.35 a gallon, which would be \$3.13 in today's dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, this summer's increasing gasoline prices largely have been attributed to the fact that no new refineries have been built in the U.S. in the last 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the 149 refineries that are currently in production have operated at or near 100 percent capacity for months in an effort to satisfy record consumer demand; and

**WHEREAS**, refineries operating at or near 100 percent capacity has produced a summer of fires, accidents and shutdowns, all of which have further limited refinery capacity and driven prices higher; and

**WHEREAS**, rising gasoline prices affect everyone on a daily basis, and consumers are in need of immediate relief from rising gasoline prices; and

**WHEREAS**, federal gasoline taxes are 18.4 cents of each gallon of gasoline; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state and local governments can all assist in providing needed relief to rising gasoline prices by temporarily reducing motor fuel taxes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the U.S. Congress and/or the federal government quickly to impose a temporary 50 percent reduction in federal motor fuel taxes for a period of three months.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Section 1 and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 Federal Legislative Packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jess M. McCarty

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